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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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1. The reply filed on March 13, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendment to independent claim 113 has converted the claim into another invention, along the lines of the previous restriction requirements already set forth on July 6, 2005 and November 16, 2004. In this regard, the previous invention of claim 113 to a method of treating a subterranean formation is deemed independent or distinct from the newly-recited invention of claim 113, as now amended, to a method for treating a producing well by enhancing the removal of fluids and/or solids from the well. More specifically, the two inventions of claim 113, as noted above, are deemed independent as being unrelated. For example, claim 113, prior to the March 13, 2006 Amendment, included no requirement for treating a producing well with removal of solids and/or liquids therefrom, while presently amended claim 113 includes no reference to or step of treating a subterranean formation.

Accordingly, all the presently pending claims, i.e., independent claim 113, along with claims 116, 121-130 are hereby withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention, MPEP 821.03, and thus, *no* claims are now present to the elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.111.

It is further noted that some of the claim dependencies, note claim 116, are inconsistent, and the new invention itself, i.e., amended claim 113+, appears to lack basis in the original disclosure.

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer,

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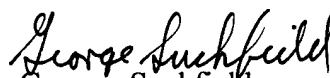
within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Suchfield whose telephone number is 571-272-7036. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30 - 3:00).

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